THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

5 1. A method of applying a silicone caulking compound, comprising the steps of:

applying a bead of silicone caulking compound to a surface;

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spraying a cationic surfactant on the bead of silicone caulking compound before the bead of silicone begins to set; and

wiping excess silicone caulking compound from the surface, the cationic surfactant lubricating the surface to prevent smearing of the silicone caulking compound.